



National Black Violence Conference

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A Call for Action!

The time is NOW!!!

National Black Violence Conference

Black Self Genocide: Confronting the Enemy Within

**Friday, October 21 through
Saturday, October 22, 2016**

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WHY A CALL FOR ACTION?

On any given day in urban America, a Black man, woman or child is shot or killed

Consider:

- Every year, America experiences more than 32,000 deaths as a result of violence.
- Over 49% of those murdered are Blacks and Black males.
- The medical and productivity-related cost of violence in America exceeds \$70 billion a year!
- The National Institutes of Health reports that black on black violent crime is costly. More than \$5 billion in economic losses to the victims and \$179 billion in government expenditures on police protection, judicial and legal activities and corrections!
- Effective Programs that directly or indirectly prevent crime generate significant economic benefits. The “Center for American Progress” reports that if violent crime was reduced by just 25%, the city of Philadelphia could save up to \$42 million a year! That’s Money that could be used to improve our schools, provide needed family services and programs for our youth!
- The US Department of Justice reports that 85% of Black victims of homicide are males between the ages 17 to 19.
- In 2010, Black homicide victims accounted for 49% of all homicides in the United States.
- It has been estimated that as many as 10 million children per year witness or are victims of violence in their homes or neighborhoods. The impact on a child’s wellbeing has a profound and debilitating consequence.

The purpose of A National Black Violence Conference/A CALL FOR ACTION is threefold:

- To developing a realistic and practical plan to reduce violence and crime in urban America over a three year period.
- Create a national network of collaborators, sharing innovative ideas and analyzing various preventative models and strategies that are culturally relevant for the Black community.
- To use our COLLECTIVE CLOUT to push elected leadership around the country to propose and enact important legislation and programs that will effectively address violence and bringing relief to our communities.

WHO ATTENDS THE NATIONAL BLACK VIOLENCE/CRIME CONFERENCE: A CALL TO ACTION CONFERENCE?

Participants include: interested and committed citizens, community violence/crime prevention advocates, leaders of anti-violence groups, criminal justice and social service practitioners, local and state government leaders, youth leaders, school officials, mental health/substance abuse workers, faith based leaders and elected officials

OUR EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

Assess evidence based information and crime prevention programs on Black violence that are effective and disseminate this information to cities across America.

Formation of a National Network whose mission is to eradicate the culture of violence, follow up and act on the outcomes of the conference, and plan for a broader national strategy for the Spring of 2017.

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The Criminal Justice System: - How it Looks and How it Affects our Culture

The affects of the criminal justice system on our communities. The current social, economic and educational conditions that Black people are living under are contributing factors in the erosion of our young men and women being lost to the complex and antiquated judicial system.

Discussion revolves around the laws that are racially biased and contribute to the overwhelming numbers of minorities populating our prison system. In this session we will also assess the various programs for citizens returning from prison and see what programs are working and those that are not and why.

Trauma – Healing – Mental Health

This session will investigate the impact that violence has on the entire community. Trauma and violence is a form of PTSD- Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome and has a severe impact on an individual and a community's mental health. The long-term ramifications of societal trauma have gone unanswered and untreated in our communities. This discussion will view the mental and emotional impact of throughout the community and identifying symptoms as seen through the eyes of families who have experienced trauma.

The session will:

Examine the symptoms and treatment of PTSD to violence (individual and communities).

Increase trauma informed practice throughout the community (i.e. families, neighborhoods, schools, police, and faith-based organizations) with education and practice.

Connect academia and mental health professionals who specialize in trauma to the community

Examine Best Practices that mobilize and heal a community.

Education: (Save Our Children)

From the "Dred Scott" decision to "No Child Left Behind," the educational system has left our urban children without a quality education. This session will concentrate on how public education contributes to the current condition in our community. We will outline what is needed to make sure our children are prepared for the 21st century.

The discussion will focus around the following:

How "Zero" tolerance laws impact the urban education system.

Alternative Schools -disciplinary systems that create small prisons for young people and disregard student's civil rights.

How to creating schools that are centered around the needs of young African American children; examining successful schools that infuse a "cultural context" in the delivery of education retention of African American males and the drop out rate.

Lobbying for creating laws that make education equitable.

Economic Development/Jobs

Economic stability in the Black Community is dependent upon economic conditions in America. We must establish a community of African American Businesses and Entrepreneurship as the cornerstone to African American's having an equal "playing" field in this global economy.

Topics to be discussed are:

What is the economic status of the African American community nationally?

How can urban communities be reshaped to make them more sustainable and support Black owned businesses.

Creating more African American community based businesses

“Going Green” How can African Americans capitalize on new approaches

Family – Culture - Values

The rich history of the African American home has become a footnote in our historical genes. The sense of community where neighborhoods watched out for each other's children, there were nuclear families, if a single parent was raising children help came from fictive kin or biological family members. A sense of “Street culture” protected the neighborhood and there was a sense of mutual respect among the youth and the adults.

Discussion in this session will revolve around:

Rebuilding family traditions- what does family look like? How do we get back to family traditions?

Mentorship- men in the community stepping up and helping young men

Mothers being mothers and Fathers being Fathers and taking responsibility for these roles for the good of the children and the community. A child's first role model is the parent; how do we help parents be better role models for sons and daughters. Faith- Encouraging family to have a sense of faith in their life

Embracing culture as the normative standard for us to operate from

Youth

Youth Violence is the most severe problem confronting the Black community today. Many youth feel disconnected from and alienated within their own families and communities. This alienation has led to increased numbers of young people engaging in negative behavior and has been a major factor in the increase in shootings and murders of Black youth in America, especially among Black males. The Youth session will provide Black youth with the opportunity to develop empowerment strategies to help reduce violence.

Topics to be considered include:

Confronting the problems and inadequacies of our current juvenile Justice system in addressing youth and criminality

Developing alternatives in confronting aberrant youth behavior.

Developing the principles of restorative justice for the purpose of laying the foundation for workable, self-sustaining models.

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Media/ Communications

The media is one of the most powerful industries in the world today. The media shapes opinions and images and projects (the stereo type of people) of Black males, females, family life and we gravitate to these images.

Discussion in this session will focus on:

How the media, written, electronic and social media has promote negatives images of Black America and what we have to do to change these images.

Faith Based Discussion

A Faith Based workshop lead by faith leaders examines how places of worship and entire denominations can make a significant impact in healing a community. Also how can faith partners reinvest in changing the spirit of a community.

Discussion and consideration of the group would explore and develop a National Agenda and/or Mission Statement to address violence, and how faith and religion would empower our people to take charge of their communities.

Registration Information

We look forward to your presence at the A Call to Action: National Black Violence Conference. We are certain this conference will be beneficial for individuals interested in solving the problem of Black violence. Be sure to join us at this great conference in Philadelphia, Friday, October 21 through Saturday, 22, 2016, as we set the foundation to develop A Call to Action and the start of a national movement with advocates dedicated to programs that get positive results.

CONFERENCE COST:

\$100.00 Registration fee

\$75.00 Early Registration fee (through October 7, 2016)

Conference registration fees will include:

- All Conference events
- Official conference registration packet
- One Breakfast and lunch
- Opening network reception
- Registration: HYPERLINK "<http://www.fdrc.net>" www.fdrc.net

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Hotel Accomodations

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Philadelphia International Airport
Terminal B
1 Arrivals Road
Philadelphia, Pa. 19153

Room rates begin at \$129.00 per night plus tax.

To reserve a room call 1-800-228-9290 or 215-492-9000 on or before Friday, September 30, 2016 and mention the National Black Violence Conference Room Block Group staying at the Philadelphia Airport Marriott, Philadelphia International Airport, Terminal B, 1 Arrivals Road, Philadelphia, Pa. 19153. The group rate of \$129.00 will be available until Friday, September 30, 2016. After that date all rates are based upon availability of rooms.

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